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# LAMBDA

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Quote of the Week:

"I drink therefore I am."

Anon. L.U. student

## Distance education for the North

Laurentian University will be one of four Northern Ontario institutions that will serve as regional coordinating centres for a new \$20 million "distance education" programme recently confirmed by the provincial government.

The government will allocate \$5 million a year over the next four years to provide learning materials in both English and French to secondary and post-secondary students in isolated areas, and link them with their teachers at other Ontario institutions.

The Access Network will be multi-media, employing written correspondence, radio and television, audio and video tapes, computers, teleconferencing and satellite receivers.

"I see a connection between this programme and the automation of the Laurentian Library... we hope to link the learning centres to our library system," said Dr. John Daniel, President of

Laurentian University.

Of the \$5 million, \$3 million will be allocated towards establishing and operating the network, purchasing equipment, and paying staff salaries for the community centres. The remaining \$2 million will be used to assist institutions in developing new distance education programmes.

"Laurentian is already up and running, because as soon as this initiative was mentioned in the Ontario Throne Speech six months ago Laurentian and Lakehead decided to launch a major new distance education programme for nurses in January, 1987," said Daniel.

The provincial Liberals seem very interested in the Access Network, and both opposition party critics had good things to say about the project.

"It sounds very good," said New Democrat Education and Colleges critic David Warner. "We need a more adventurous approach

to learning facilities in the North. The idea of using our high-tech abilities to reach small isolated communities is an idea which has caught on big in Britain, where millions have signed up for what they call universities of the air."

Richard Allen, NDP critic for universities, is concerned about the cost of an effective distance education network.

"If you want to do this well, you need not only a network but also some degree of personal interchange—weekend seminars, regular phone-ins...I'm not sure these kinds of things have been taken into account in the \$5 million. It may well end up costing more," said Allen.

The four coordinating institutions are: Laurentian University and Cambrian College for the Sudbury region, and Confederation College and Lakehead University for the Thunder Bay region.



Random Chants got into the "spirit" of things at the Hallowe'en Bash Thurs.

## SGA by-election

By a slim margin of fourteen votes, Robert Irwin was elected into the vacant student senator position on Thursday, October 30.

Steve Fitzpatrick was acclaimed to the position of SGA Representative at large.

"The voter turnout was pretty good, considering it was a by-election," said Chief Returning Officer Tim Ruhnke.

An unofficial total of 226 votes were cast, with Irwin col-

lecting 105; Greg Reynolds 91; and Mark Barnes 70.

"It was a very tight race," said Irwin, a first year MBA student. "I've got some catching up to do in terms of learning about policies and events, but I'm going to sit down and be ready to go at it," he explained.

The acclaimed Representative at large, Steve Fitzpatrick, is also anxious to get more involved in student government. "I plan on

really getting to know how things work. I'm going to be there on every issue watching with a keen eye," said Fitzpatrick, a second year Phys-Ed Major.

CRO Ruhnke plans on submitting a detailed report to the next SGA general meeting explaining the difficulties involved with the election. He said that the exact details of the report will be released at that point in time. □

## ISO purge

by Jenifer Rush

Peter Yiu, treasurer of the International Students Organization (ISO) for the 1985-86 academic year said last week that there is no possible way that the ISO could have "approximately \$3,000 in expenditures [that] cannot be accounted for," as reported in the October 20 issue of *Lambda*.

Yiu explained that the figures quoted could be based on the budget proposal from last year. The budget proposal for \$6,464 was

rejected by the SGA. The ISO did receive \$750 from the SGA last year.

A new bank book obtained two weeks ago shows a balance of \$387.65. With about \$30 in petty cash, this brings the total to just over \$400, not \$300 as previously reported.

Peter Yiu has been re-elected as treasurer, and he anticipates that it will be very easy to straighten out the whole situation.

The ISO held elections October 31 to fill the executive positions of the organization, all of which

were vacant after former president Nebil Shahin resigned last week. The new ISO Executive are as follows: Lawrence Chan, President; Olivier Delbard, Vice-President; Anna Sarbinowska, Secretary; and Sze-Hon (Ricky) Kan, Public Relations officer.

After the elections Yiu said, "We're almost on the right track. I cannot promise anything, but our new President, Lawrence Chan, is a good man."

When asked what could be expected from the ISO this year, Yiu said, "People will see later." □

## Hallowe'en

by Dominique Poulin

Does the phrase "Hallowe'en is not what it used to be" sound familiar? Ever wonder what Halloween used to be? Well I'll tell you anyway!

As you probably already know, Hallowe'en is on October 31st, which is the eve of All Saints' Day, hence the name of All Hallows Eve, now commonly known as Hallowe'en. Don't be fooled by the name though because under this Christian cloak hides an ancient pagan festival of the dead.

The origins of Halloween can be traced back to a Celtic festival named for "Sambain" (Celtic god of the dead) which commemorated the end of the summer. This dates back to the time when the Celts were mainly a pastoral people and the festival, held at the end of October was connected with the return of the herds from pasture. The Celts probably felt this was a good time to placate the supernatural powers controlling the processes of nature. The catch was that the Celts were really scared of these supernatural powers who they pictured as ghosts, withces, hobgoblins and demons. Since October is the most barren and darkest part of the year, on Hallowe'en night the Celts built giant bonfires to ward off any evil spirit roaming about.

The Celtic Ireland Hallowe'en also marked the beginning of the New-Year. A general assembly was held every three years and the festivities lasted for two weeks. The festival opened with sacrifices to the Gods and on Hallowe'en

night all household fires had to be extinguished and rekindled with a new flame to honour the new year. This served an economic purpose since a tax was extracted for each fire lit. It was also during those two weeks that laws were renewed. Annuals and genealogies were also written up, at this time.

Hallowe'en was not just a day for business. It was also a social event. It was indeed on that night that the souls of the departed were supposed to revisit their old homes in order to warm themselves by the fire and to take comfort in the good cheer provided for them in the parlor by their loving and ever so full of fear relatives. Perhaps it was natural for the Celts to think that the approach of winter would drive their poor shivering ancestors' ghosts from the outside to the warmth coziness, and familiarity of their old homes. Wasn't that the time of year when the animals came from the cold fields to the warmth of the barn? Could a poor farmer and his wife deny to the spirits of their dead the welcome which they gave to animals?

As a season of omens, Hallowe'en seems to be unsurpassed by any other festival. The practice of divination was associated with the dead and since Hallowe'en night was the time when ghosts came to visit the Celts felt it was a good time to ask what awaited them in the coming year. Hallowe'en was thought to be the most favorable time to ask questions concerning marriage,

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# News from the U's

## OFS Shines Shoes to Lobby Politicians

TORONTO (CUP)— Smoother lines and a subdued urgency are among the new fall lobby fashions favoured by Ontario's student leaders.

The once-confrontational Ontario Federation of Students has literally cleaned up its act to get its message across to members of the provincial legislature. At a recent one-day series of meetings, OFS members took well-planned appeals for assistance to more than 70 ministers and MPPs.

Students arrived in academic gowns for the October 16 lobby day, the same day as five Toronto universities and colleges shut down to protest underfunding in the province's post-secondary system. Both events received national media coverage.

OFS's lobby tactics appear to have been successful, at least on the surface, judging from the response of all three political parties.

"It was the best lobby they ever mounted," said New Democrat universities critic Richard Allen. "They were aggressive without being offensive. They put people on the spot, and were not prepared to accept easy answers."

Provincial Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman said OFS—relentlessly opposed to the former Tory government's education policies—isn't being hard enough on the reigning Liberals.

"In the past they have gone so far as to throw a pie at the Minister of Education. Obviously, I don't advocate that, and I'm pleased to see they aren't doing that kind of thing anymore," said Grossman.

"However, I think they could be fighting [the Liberals] harder. I think there is a perception that a conservative government is more likely to cut university funding," he said.

Colleges and Universities minister Greg Sorbara said OFS is no stranger to his office. "I can't get [OFS chair] Matt Certosimo off

my back," said Sorbara. "I love him."

Conservative David McFadden advised students to sharpen their lobbying skills if they expect to win political favour.

"If there is a weakness in OFS's lobby, it would be a lack of awareness of the kind of pressure the government is under by other lobby groups, such as social services and health care," said McFadden.

"The public has the perception that people in university are living a privileged life. Many don't realize that as we move into an information based society, we increase our dependence on universities," he said.

## Judge Rules Faculty Must Retire at 65

OTTAWA (CUP)— Eight professors and one librarian who sued four Ontario universities over their forced retirement have lost the first round in a legal battle to win faculty protection against age discrimination.

Justice W. Gibson Gray of the Ontario Supreme Court has ruled that Ontario universities are not bound by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and therefore may retire faculty at age 65.

The professors and librarian—four from York, two each from Laurentian and Toronto, and one from Guelph—were using Section 15 of the Charter, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.

In a 75-page ruling, Gray also said retirement at 65 is favourable to "ensuring the integrity of pension plans and improving the prospects of unemployed youth."

On faculty renewal, Gray said "Thirty-five year old lecturers and professors...are being denied opportunity" by loosened retirement rules.

According to the Canadian Association of University Teachers, which is jointly bearing court costs with the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, more flexible retirement policies would actually help and

not hinder faculty renewal.

John Thompson, a member of CAUT's academic freedom committee, says only "a handful" of professors want to work past 65, and some would prefer to retire early if they could collect full pension benefits.

Thompson said poor financing of the country's schools is more to blame for Canada's faculty crunch than aging, tenacious faculty. "If the universities had the same student-to-faculty ratios today as they did 10 years ago, there'd be 2,000 more jobs in Canada," he said.

Gray's decision is a victory for university administrators, eager to keep faculty and other costs to a minimum. A different ruling "could have substantially changed the things we're doing," said University of Toronto vice-provost David Cook.

"If the university were under the Charter, it would affect everything from admissions to you-name-it," Cook said.

William Beckel, president of Ottawa's Carleton University, which has a collective agreement provision allowing faculty to work past 65, said he is "torn over the issue". While agreeing underfunding is the root of the problem, Beckel defends mandatory retirement in universities.

"If you have no mechanism for finding the large amount of money left through retirement, it would be very difficult for administrators to hire new staff," said Beckel.

Carleton faculty association president David Gray said a joint university committee has been struck to examine more flexible retirement policies. "Why throw away valuable people to help cope with underfunding? I think that's very shortsighted," said Gray.

CAUT official Vic Sim said he would be "very, very surprised" if an appeal was not made at the Ontario Court of Appeal. CAUT will officially decide its next legal move in a November meeting.

Mandatory retirement is illegal in Québec and Manitoba, while the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta are considering aboli-

tion. The federal government may strike mandatory retirement in the civil service.

## Whole New Excuse to Skip Assignment

EDMONTON (CUP)— A University of Alberta student is making the old 'illness or death in the family' excuse obsolete.

Molly Klimove says she may sue the expansive West Edmonton Mall because she was bitten by a performing chimpanzee there October 18.

Klimove said the chimp, part of a two-man, one-monkey trampline act, walked up to her after the performance and bit her hand. Her skin was punctured, but no stitches were required.

However, Klimove claims the injury was serious enough to prevent her from starting a 750-word essay that weekend. "Also, I have mid-terms coming up," she said.

She denied claims by mall officials that she teased the monkey with an orange she held in her hand.

## Bishop's To Start Extra-Billing in January

LENNOXVILLE (CUP)— Students at Bishop's University are the latest to be hit by a new provincial regulation allowing universities to charge a controversial "materials" fee.

Students in January will have to pay \$5 extra for each course, to a maximum of \$50 per semester and \$100 per year.

The fee, already charged by McGill, Concordia, and l'Université de Montréal, allows universities to collect for services outside tuition. Student and other groups have denounced the surcharge as a hidden tuition fee.

But Jean-Luc Gregoire, Bishop's vice-principal of admin-

istration, refutes the allegations, and says the fee will cover materials such as handouts, supplies, and audio-visual equipment. He expects the fee to raise \$160,000 each year.

## U of T Supercomputer Might Be Super Flop

TORONTO (CUP)— The University of Toronto's celebrated Supercomputer, the Cray X-MP, sits idle while its directors remain unable to secure a single commercial contract for the computer, already slated to be in full operation.

But Lloyd Parker, director of the Centre for Large Scale Computation (CLSC) refuses to panic.

"We have a lot of prospects," he said. "In many cases we have to demonstrate to potential clients that the system works before they'll sign a contract with us."

George Luste, a U of T computer science professor, said this claim sounds "a little bit like a broken record. They've been saying that all along."

Forty per cent of the computer's time was to be reserved for commercial use at \$2,000 per hour. Commercial contracts are expected to pay half the cost of the computer.

Parker claims that the CLSC has heard from about 15 to 20 "quite interested organizations."

"Talk is cheap," argues Luste. "Everything I've heard says you can't count on much. It's when you see the dollars you know they're serious."

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# Declassified

!!!CORRECTION — Last week's Declassified listing referring to a certain license plate that was for sale was yet another prank instigated against this column. The perpetrators, some boys from UC, obviously thought it would be very funny to steal someone's license plates (leaving the owner of the car, a student who drives to school, with no means of legal transportation) and to place the blame on a totally innocent individual. After two threatening phonecalls to that individual, the police were called in to investigate the matter. It was dropped, however, when the license plates were returned to the Lambda offices. Ha Ha! Verrrry funny! Maybe next time you won't be so lucky, guys!

LSAT—Those wishing to write the Law School Admission Test

on December 6 must apply by Thursday, November 6. Application forms are available at Student Services, G-7 Students' Street.

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION**—Organization Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th, at 1:30 pm in the Student Services office (G-7 Students' Street). The purpose of this association is to promote international understanding and exchange. All are welcome to attend.

**ASSOCIATION D'ÉCHANGES INTERNATIONALES**—Reunion d'organisation: mercredi le 5 novembre, à 13h30 dans la salle des Services aux étudiants, G-7 Rue Des Etudiants. Le but de cette association est d'encourager l'entente et les échanges internationales. Soyés des bienvenus.

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**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**—The next meeting of Amnesty International will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at noon in room L-314. All are welcome to attend. A book sale is planned for November 12 and 13, so we'll need lots of help.

♣ Attention All Third Year Students: Employment Workshop on November 14 in lower Fraser, Science Building from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (bring your lunch).

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# L.U...talking proud

Here at Lambda, we see quite a bit of our resident student politicians, sometimes it is a little much to deal with but generally we get along. The big topic of late, besides Bog, has been an ongoing discussion about school spirit and the potential to create spirit. There seems to be a feeling that there is little spirit on this campus. I disagree.

There has been talk of a "Pride Week" at Laurentian to foster spirit here. It would be a week to familiarize students at Laurentian with the unique and varied aspects of life at LU. It would also be aimed at the people of Sudbury to show them that students are an important part of their community.

Besides the obvious spirit involved with alcohol centered activities, which is a special kind of spirit, there is some obvious interest in other facets of the L.U. experience.

Now I went to the VEES' hockey game against Queens last Sat-

urday night, in Lively no less, and my roommate and I were not the only people there. We took a chartered bus with 35 other people. There is some definite potential here. Besides us bus types, many had driven out to the arena. This is the kind of trip for which you pack a lunch, but nonetheless people appeared to watch our hockey team play. It's a damn shame they lost, but really that is incidental to my point.

The point I'm trying to make is this, Laurentian does have a school spirit, we do have an interest in what is happening to us. Many students got involved in the Bog campaign. Whether it be by supporting our varsity athletes, or by working for the SGA, people at this University do get involved.

Somebody told me the other day that Laurentian has the highest per capita drinking rate for a Canadian University. This was from what is known as a reliable source. That is not exactly the

kind of spirit that I'm talking about. It does, however, suggest that there is a big potential for activities similar to Homecoming, and other great spirit boosters that are common at almost all other Canadian Universities. I know, we don't have a football team, but we do have the soccer VEES. There are always ways to get around things.

I'm proud to go to Laurentian University, but it's a difficult concept to explain to people from down south. I think that Dave Filion's idea of a "Pride Week" is an excellent idea, and I'd like to see it materialize. We have come quite far already this year in achieving BOG representation, but there is still more to be done. I have faith in the SGA, and in Dave Filion, to get down to doing whatever it takes.

Jenifer Rush



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## Our liberal society

I heard on the radio last week that there was a Miss Black Toronto pageant held this past summer. My first thought was that this was a good idea, as I have seldom seen a black woman in any of those Miss Canada shows on T.V.

But then again, what would happen if there was a Miss White Toronto pageant?

A long standing scholarship at the U of T had its conditions altered this year because it stipulated that the recipient must be white. I agree wholeheartedly. This is blatant racism.

But then again, would anyone complain about a scholarship exclusive to any particular visible minority?

I often hear people talk about "special rights". They apparently apply to everyone from the Québécois, to the Native Peoples.

But then again, whatever happened to "human rights"? You know, the same ones for everybody. I guess they never really existed.

Apparently, some people are oppressed, and this is why different exceptions and special rights must exist.

This oppression, however, whether it is towards women, visible minorities, or any other "special" group is self-defining.



The group is oppressed because it feels oppressed. There is no outside gauge of the level or form of oppression. Oppression cannot be refuted.

Such is the state of justice in

our fantastic, enlightened, and liberal society. In an effort to make everything appear just and equal we left something very important behind.

Ted Markle



# letters to the editor

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## 60/40? A Francophone comments...

To the Lambda Editor,

I would like to express my annoyance concerning a remark made by professor E Mahant in your article *Library Underfunded*, October 28, 1986. It seems that Mrs Mahant is concerned with the fact that the tradition of funding was usually split 70/30 for anglophone material as opposed to what she thinks is now a 60/40 split for anglophone material.

Mrs Mahant seems to suggest that since "most francophone students are able to read anglophone materials" this should then justify retaining the 70/30 split. After having consulted the woman myself, she even ventures to say that "francophones themselves don't want this 60/40 split."

First of all, francophones at this university are perfectly capable of deciding this for themselves

thank you very much, and secondly permit me to clarify certain facts for Mrs Mahant. After consulting the Library Director, Mr Roy Bonin myself, he clarified a great many things:

The funding split is not 60/40 as stated in last week's article and Mrs Mahant believes it is.

What has happened is that now for the first time ever we are "systematically acquiring French books for francophone students on a 70/30 basis."

In regards to anglophone demands for English books, "there are too many demands for what the budget will allow."

The funding issue is quite simply that: a monetary issue, it only then becomes a French-English issue when ridiculous statements such as Mrs Mahant's are so freely expressed. As a professor in an officially bilingual institution, I suggest in the future that she choose her words more wisely so that she may avoid such unpleasant but much deserved feedback.

Sincerely,  
Ginette Lafrenière

## Theatre Appreciation Revisited

In regards to the article of October 20th by Lorie Cunningham re: *A lesson in theatre appreciation*. I would like to comment on her less than perceptive outlook.

She complains about how "saturated" with Shakespeare the little town of Stratford is, saying that there are "Shakespeare giftshops...bookstores, truck stops and, believe it or not, Shakespeare livestock farms in the surrounding area." Would she expect people who go to Stratford from out of town to buy postcards of Niagara Falls or books about Jean-Jacques Rousseau as souvenirs? And if she would have looked on the map she would have seen that the livestock farm and truckstop are both just

outside a place called Shakespeare. This name was given long before the first season of the Stratford Festival opened. There is certainly nothing more exploitive about this than naming the university in Sudbury Laurentian.

As for the coffee rings on the Shakespeare placemat in the second class restaurant which somehow broke the mood, it should be remembered that there are second class restaurants in every town where coffee rings are not unheard of. Maybe she should go to a first class restaurant, of which Stratford has many, or maybe she shouldn't go out at all.

As a former resident, I do know that the people as a whole spend a considerable amount of time and effort both publicly and privately. The major part of the city's focus is geared toward the festival and its visitors. The residents work very hard to make their homes and gardens as appealing as possible. The city spends a large portion of the resident's tax dollars to keep the uptown clean and the park

lawns cut. The residents have on many occasions vehemently resisted commercialization of the parklands by big business and have pressured city council to pass by-laws restricting the development of modern high rise offices in the city core, in order to preserve the unique character of the uptown sector. All of this is done at considerable expense and effort and is repeated year in and year out.

If, after all this is made known to her, she is still upset by coffee rings on a second rate restaurant then maybe she should keep her rose tinted glasses and not get off the bus until Niagara Falls. In her review, Lorie Cunningham demonstrates that she is quick to judge, quick to anger and slow to understand. She engages in a type of unjustified image assassination which can only be seen as an example of little league journalism unbecoming of *Lambda* and harmful to the pursuit of artistic excellence.

Ian Wilkinson

## Great Canadian Solar Race

The University of Waterloo is helping to organize the upcoming *Great Canadian Solar Race*, to be held on the Victoria Day weekend, May 16-18, 1987 at Ontario Place, Toronto. This annual event is sponsored by the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc. (SESCI), with support from various groups in the solar community.

The one day competition is open to college and university students (undergraduate and graduate) across Canada. There are two separate competitions being planned.

The traditional Thermosyphon event requires the building of a thermosyphon (no pump) solar hot water heating system. Points are awarded for the design, aesthetics, durability, cost and performance. A number of water draws will be made during the course of the day and the highest temperatures will determine the best performing system.

The second event is a Photovoltaic (PV) water-pumping competition. The object is to use solar cell panels (supplied by the organizers if enough schools are interested) to pump the largest volume of water from Lake Ontario 27 metres to the roof of one of the buildings at Ontario Place. Points are also awarded for the cost, aesthetics and durability of the system.

Interested students can obtain entry forms and information by contacting the University of Waterloo (519) 885-1211 and asking for Evan Jones (ext.3885) or Professor Alfred Brunger (ext. 6843), or by writing to:

The Great Canadian Solar Race,  
c/o Prof. K. G. T. Hollands,  
Dept of Mechanical Engineering,  
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Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

# Phobias...

by David J Noppe

Let's talk about fear. We're all afraid of something. Sometimes this fear becomes so intense that it falls under the heading of phobia.

You, too, can, may, probably do have a phobia. There are by official estimates thousands of them on the scene today—specific phobias such as the fear of nude men and women, ugly people, beautiful people, long hair, short hair, good deeds, bad deeds, and life after death. The little fears range from the fear of oneself (*anthrophobia*), and psychiatrists say they've already scientifically labelled over 700 of the redoubtable dreads — although they've just started counting.

We have plenty of *vestiphobes*, people with an aversion to wearing clothing, around. Among sexual phobias, or hang-ups, we can report *gynephobia*, the fear of marriage.

Almost everyone has some form of *zoophobia*, the fear of other animals, ranging from the fear of dogs to the fear of cats and rats. But there are also *botanophobes*, who dislike plants, and even *anthrophobes*, who fear just flowers.

*Acrophobia*, the fear of heights, is high on the lists, as is *claustrophobia*, the fear of narrow or closed places. The fear of thunder has four names; *astraphobia*, *keranaphobia*, *ceranophobia*, and *tonitrophobia*. The number of names for this fear of sudden beaven-sent explosions is almost matched by the of names for the fear of being alone—*autophobia*, *eremophobia*, and *monophobia*.

It could be that "The Bomb", which has now levelled the collective subconscious, is responsi-

ble for the whole phobia explosion. There is even a specific phobia for this called *nucleomiti-phobia*.

Of the 700 newly catalogued and very odd phobias, bomb-related fears make up a large percentage. One is *logizomechanophobia*, the fear of computers, computing and machines (or politicians); another is *nyctophobia*, the fear of impending darkness; and then there is plain old *thanatophobia*, the dread of death or doomsday. Maybe the recent failure of Ron and Mikhail in Iceland explains fears like *optophobia*, the fear of opening one's eyes. But how can anyone generalize about fears when there are such specific ones around as *arachibutyrophobia*, the fear of getting peanut butter stuck to the roof of the mouth?

Actually, at least 14 million adults in North America suffer from unreasonable fears of one kind or another says Dr Leslie Solyom, assistant professor of psychiatry at McGill University in Montréal.

Phobias can strike anyone, he says, and not all phobia victims are timid, shy or retiring people. Most phobias stem from an unpleasant childhood experience, often reactivated by something unrelated to the phobia itself, such as a bad marriage or an unpleasant job.

Dr Solyom has treated some really strange cases, including a cab driver who feared red lights; a housewife who wouldn't go to church because she feared she would shout obscenities in the midst of the service; and an insurance agent who quit his job because he was afraid of being contaminated with germs, hardly



touched anything, and washed his hands 32 times daily.

Some psychiatrists believe that phobias develop as defence against anxiety. The anxiety, instead of remaining diffuse, is replaced on a concrete object and reduced. Generally, the person afflicted is aware of the unreasonableness of his fear but is unable to control it.

There are several major fallacies about phobias that should be corrected. First, it should be understood that otherwise healthy people can have phobias. Second, phobias are not signs of severe mental disorders but are, rather, signs or neurotic conflict. Third, severe fear and death do not result from phobias. Finally, the best way to deal with phobias is not to force the person to live with them. Desensitization of the individual to the phobic situation is the best treatment.

There may be a certain survival value in being phobic or paranoid today. Whatever the case, you can get a good case or *ergophobia*, the fear of work, just trying to keep up with the phobias circulating today. About the only phobias that haven't turned up are politicians suffering from *verbophobia*, an aversion to words—though many have had *sophophobia*, the fear of learning, especially from past mistakes.

We can only conclude that the best you can do today is hope you don't develop *iatrophobia*, the fear of doctors, so you can still be cured, that is, if your friendly neighborhood psychiatrist doesn't develop the fear of phobic patients. Or it might be advisable for everyone to contract *phogophobia*, or *pantophobia*, both names for the fear of fears.



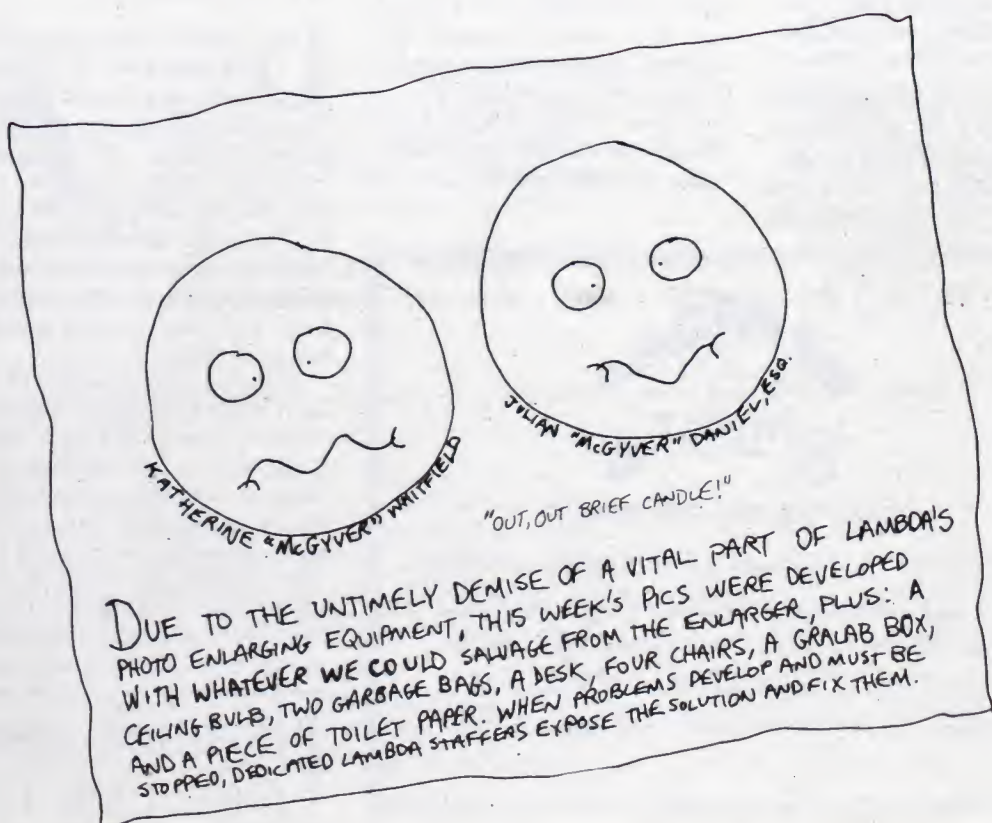
# Halloween





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## Rocky Horror Night





# Timbuk-3

Greeting From Timbuk 3  
Timbuk 3  
IRS Records

by Traci Williams

The album that we are going to take a tour through this week is Timbuk 3's debut. You haven't heard of them yet? To tell you the truth, neither had I, but the IRS record label generally turns out good groups such as The Alarm, Wall of Voodoo, REM and The Police (before A&M grabbed them). IRS, incidentally, for you trivia lovers, is owned and managed by Miles Copeland, brother of the Police's Stew.

Timbuk 3 is a duet consisting of Pat MacDonald and Barbara K. They incorporate traditional guitar (electric and acoustic) and bass with a classical flavouring of violin and mandolin, all to the back beat of a drum machine, to form their brand of country-rock.

The originality and choice of song titles drew me in immediately: "I Love You in the Strangest Way", "Friction", "The Future's So Bright I Gotta Wear Shades", and if that doesn't grab you, how about "Facts about Cats" or "Hairstyles and Attitudes"? With these unique titles, I zeroed in on the lyrics to see if they held the same individual flair. For the most part—yes.

There's no specific theme, in fact, the themes contrast at times. One song slides down a harmonica towards optimism's flame:

Study nuclear science, I love my  
classes  
I've got a cool teacher who wears  
dark glasses  
I'm doing all right, getting good  
grades  
The future's so bright, I gotta wear  
shades

On the other end of the spectrum, the song found adjacent to it philosophizes:

Life is hard, can't find happiness  
no matter what you do  
Can't get to heaven on rollerskates  
Can't take a taxi cab to Timbuktoo

On a different note altogether, the group asks the all-important question; "Hairstyles and attitudes, are they connected?" And then goes through the stanzas naming

(what seems to be) every type of hairstyle on the face of this earth to a hard jive beat.

"Just Another Movie" has acoustic guitar banging out to the biting words "Just another jerk taking pride in his work" (referring to Reagan).

"Friction" encompasses an odd reggae beat with lyrics that could have been written by Bruce Cockburn.

Rubbing our sticks together  
Trying to heat things up  
One spark is all we need,  
To bring light into this darkness

But my favourite is "I Love You in the Strangest Way", which starts from total silence and gradually fades into the aural foreground. Such "romantic" ideas are toyed with as a "crank call at 3 am". Pat whines (pleasantly) about how complex things become as one gets older.

I wish we were kids again  
I'd ask you to come out and play  
But you're so scary now  
And I love you in the strangest way

OK, I like this album. I've plainly stated this without hiding it behind a collage of words.

The titles are priceless and the lyrics, original — with ONE exception: the song "I Need You" could fit into the TOP 40 bracket.

I need you to help me to be strong  
I need you like a singer needs a song  
I need you like darkness needs the light  
I need you in the middle of the night

(you get the idea)

The only MAJOR criticism is that the album is only 45 minutes long (I could be stretching that a bit). But in many albums with a longer time span, the quality may be lacking. As they say, "Quality counts for more than quantity"—or in this case—duration.

P.S. I'm curious to know what type of audience I'm getting (if any). If you have ideas or criticisms (the constructive kind) or any new releases you'd like reviewed (can't promise anything, though), tell me (those of you who know me) or drop me a note through the inter-university postal system (it's free!) to UC 214. □

# Eat Geritol!

Tough Guys  
Touchstone Pictures  
City Centre Theatres

by Ingrid Havel

After two flick-free weeks, I set out on Saturday to catch Touchstone Picture's latest hit. *Tough Guys* stars Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas as Henry Doyle and Archie Long, two ex-cons who are paroled after thirty years in jail. They seem to be opposite in character but together share the notorious claim to fame of being the last train robbers in America.

Dressed in their double-breasted pinstripes, they head out into the real world which has become a graffiti-coated slum during their absence.

The only person under sixty who seems to remember their glorious coup is assigned as their parole officer (by his demand). Other reminiscers include a vile sharp-shooter in bifocals who wants to finish his contract on them; and an overweight demeaned sergeant, searching for lost glory as much as they are.

These two gangster types have only small ambitions upon being released, (Archie wants to try Chicken McNuggets), until they discover that they cannot see each other for the next three years due to their status as ex-cons. Harry is sent to a retirement home, while



Archie gets a job "selling bacteria to children" at frozen yogurt bar. They both try to fit in with their surroundings as best they can, but find that there is no place for them.

Harry's old flame drinks "ruffage to keep her pipes clean," while he still enjoys scotch and red meat. These are really his only demands as he is the quieter of the two. Arch, on the other hand, gets a "hot" new look which resembles a cross between Max Headroom, Don Johnson and art-deco furniture. After he realizes his twenty year old girlfriend is trying to kill him with sex, he seeks out his old pal to put an end to their charade. They are both tired of fitting in and decide to fall back into what

they know best—stealing.

This movie is quite funny at times, and cleverly points out modern ideosyncracies. I found it pretty longwinded however, and lacking in spontaneity—except when Kirk Douglas hung a moon...

In a world where the only difference between retirement and death by shooting is that the latter is quicker, according to these characters, I suppose that some pertinent facts about the growing number of seniors and their plight were pointed out. However, although the movie in itself wasn't too bad, this re-hash was a bit tiresome. I mean come on America, isn't *The Golden Girls* enough already? □



Fletch Won  
Gregory McDonald

by Geoff MacQueen

Detective stories have what it takes to get many people's blood racing. The plots are cunning, the characters colourful, the situations tense, the suspense high, the settings ranging from sleazy to classy. Not to mention the detective, standing alone against all odds, using intellect as the ultimate force of justice, to fight corruption in all forms.

And then there is Fletch. He is the central character of a series of detective novels that have redefined what makes the detective hero, far from the realm of Perry Mason or Sherlock Holmes. He uses a sense of humor as his defense against the world, with a healthy dose of corruption to liven things up. Those of you who only saw the film *Fletch* don't know

what you're missing.

What you are missing is a cast of semi-regular extras to help continuity, clever plot twists, and a healthy disrespect for all authority.

The tradition continues in *Fletch Won*. This tale recounts the beginnings of the newspaper career of Fletch, struggling to get to the sports pages, and preparing for his upcoming marriage (his first, for those of you who have read the earlier books) and much of the same kind of adventure we have come to expect from this series.

The characters have the usual quirky charm McDonald usually uses, and are all more cunning than they appear. They also have other hidden facets that reveal themselves as the plot unfolds. Most of all, they have that clever conversation that one comes to expect from a Fletch book.

The plot is, as all good plots are, based on the characters. It is

the surprise revelations, and the way they seem obvious in hindsight that makes the story come together, rather than an author's blatant manipulation of character. The whole is smoothly structured, and cleverly, yet logically concealed.

At the core of it all is Fletch himself. He seems amoral, yet has integrity. He is clever, yet in some ways so backward. Most of all, he makes impatience a virtue. He does what we all want to do, to screw the system with a vengeance, and still come out on top.

This is the key to the book's appeal—it shows a system waiting to be beaten by anyone crazy enough to try. Authority exists to be outsmarted. It is always possible to win as long as a sense of humour is maintained, and surface moral fiber is discarded.

The book works—as if my review hasn't revealed my position already. I await more books in this delightful series. □



"WHEELS HAS THE DEALS"

Greeting from Timbuk-3 is available at \$7.99 instead of the regular price of \$10.00 to all Laurentian University students who show their student ID card. This offer ends on Saturday, November 8, 1986 at closing time.

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# Hockey Vees stumble Football Final

by Greg Huneault

The idea of the Vees being a Sunday team is gaining credence as they went down to defeat against the Queen's Golden Gaels Saturday night at the Lively Arena.

The Gaels doubled the Vees 6-3 in a physical game that displayed some good hitting and solid action. The Vees played a price, however, with Steve White and Pat Moher hitting the showers early. White left the game in the second period with an injury, a possible season-ending injury. Moher was given a free pass to the showers from the referee in the third after being the instigator of a fight.

With the Gaels leading by three goals, the Vees got on the scoreboard at 13:40 of the second period when Denis Castongauy and Pat Lizotte assisted Ron Hodgkinson in scoring on a power play.

The Vees then got to within one when they scored their second in the early third (understand?).

Pat Moher made a beautiful clearing pass to Phil Landry who was all alone as he broke in on the Gaels' goalie. He missed the mark, but trailing Denis Castongauy picked up the rebound and made no mistake about it.

The Gaels went ahead by two shortly after Castongauy's goal, but Ron Hodgkinson pulled the Vees to within one again as he connected for his second goal of the night. The short-handed goal resulted from a clearing pass by Denis Gauthier to Mike Kappel who brought it up the ice before making a perfectly timed pass to Hodgkinson in front of the Gaels net.

Unfortunately, the Vees let their defensive game slide and allowed Queen's to crown their victory with two more goals.

The defensive aspect of the Vees game has come under scrutiny and deserves some consideration. Denis Gauthier has been moved from wing to defence, and his aggressive and no-nonsense style might be the pivot the Vees need to turn 'goals against' into

'goals for'. Vees netminder Pete Pancel faced a total of 38 shots, while the Vees directed 33 towards the Gaels' net.

Unfortunately the Vees were not a "Sunday" team as they lost 4-3 to the Gaels on Sunday. They were in the running until the middle of the third period, when Queens scored two goals and this seemed to take the wind out of the Vees sails.

They were leading 2-0 after the first on goals by Ron Hodgkinson and Denis Castongauy. The Gaels came back to tie it in the second. A power play goal by Brent Maki, in the last five minutes of the period reflected the control and dominating play of the Vees.

However in the third period, Queens came back with two goals within a minute and a half of each other. The Vees played catch-up hockey for the rest of the game.

The Vees' next game is at home against Waterloo on November 15 and 16.

by John Metcalfe

The men's intramural football season will see its conclusion this Tuesday as the Spad Lads will take on the SS Sharks in the Championship Finale. The final was set up as the Spad Lads upset Stokers B 13-12 and the Sharks upended the UC Stankers 21-12, in semifinal action.

The Spad Lads used a 99 yard and run from Andy Armstrong to Hugues Gibeault to upset the previously undefeated Stokers. Armstrong also scored the other Spad touchdown while Rob McGregor kicked a convert. The Sharks used the short passing game to get by the Stankers. Andy Bryce let the way for the winners with two majors while Gord Longhi scored the other and converted all three.

The semifinals were set up with some excellent quarter finals played October 23. Stokers B won The Golden Division over the UC Swashbucklers 31-16. The Spad Lads, on a last minute touchdown to Claude Trudear, claimed the Coors Division 30-27

over the Stokers A. The UC Stankers got by the Rugheads 14-12 to capture the Canadian division as Paul Kramer scored all of the Stankers points. The Export Division Crown went to the Sharks who downed the Fighting Ferrets 21-6.

The Championship will go at 6 pm at Laurentian stadium on Tuesday, so come on out and witness the battle for Laurentian Gridiron supremacy.

## CAGERS

by Greg Lawrence

Whoever said Basketball isn't a contact sport obviously wasn't in attendance when the Vees played Lakehead last weekend.

On Friday night the Vees easily disposed of Lakehead 82-65. Leading the way was Lloyd Pollard with 18 points and Jeff McKibbin with 15. The following night only saw more of the same with the Vees once again winning 73-59. McKibbin was the top gun in this game with 28 and Pollard close behind with 23.

These were the first two games of the season and the Vees appear to be on the right track. Their next test will come out west when they meet Calgary, Waterloo and the Korean National team. This will be their first real test against some of the teams considered top ten material in Canada.

About the only negative thing about the games was the crowd. Thanks to all those who screamed and cheered. Next time bring a friend and cheer louder.

## Fieldhockey

The Women's field hockey team failed to win the CIAU championship, but did very well and are nationally ranked for the first time, ending up in 6th spot. Despite Vee's goalie Liz Bryant being voted player of the game, the Vees lost to U of New Brunswick by 1-0 on Friday. The Vees then played U of Victoria and were defeated 4-0. The Saturday game against U of Moncton was to determine 5th spot, but the Vees had to settle for 6th when they were shut out by Moncton 2-0. All round it was a great season and a record to be proud of. Congrats to Terri Jackson and Jackie Balleny, CIAU all-stars.

## Soccer

The Laurentian Soccer Vees' season came to an end this weekend, as they were defeated at the hands of the Carleton Ravens. Allan Gorrie was the lone scorer for the Vees in the 2-1 loss. Again the Vees suffered from an inability to finish off scoring chances. While they were brilliant defensively this season, the Vees could not seem to capitalize on scoring opportunities. The Vees gave us competitiveness and many exciting home games. Thanks for another fine season, and good luck next year!

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# Unicornia

# S.S. Rumours

This week's column is dedicated to the Circle Jerks who decided to take a break, for a change, before suffering a breakdown.

The weekend started off in style with the trek to City Lights on Friday night. Busloads of partiers made the trip and UC dominated the scene once again. A smashing time was had by all! (Oops! sorry Billy...girl bumps jeep, boy bumps girl, Claudia gets smashed, Todd trows wreck away.) Kenny scooped one of ya, but not for long as he and his buddies found themselves on 8th floor for roll-call at 6:30 am. No vets were to be found. Apparently they were manoeuvring on other floors... by the way Nat, isn't that soup marvelous? Did anyone ever find

Ozzy and was his roommate in 210?

The high style dwindled quickly on Saturday as 8th floor crawled and 9th floor brawled. The loser of the week award went to Dave "nature boy" Libbey. Really Dave, holding your breath won't make the grape stains go away... not that old Gag! The ferrets were in raring to "go" form. It seems like Steve 11th and John 9th were dancing too close and Bill (did he really used to be a Don?) decided to cut in. Did you really have to hit your own man? Mike L had something in his eye, must have been a piece of that busted Kitchen window on 9th, Dave got his ambulance ride and obviously Paulette's nasty letters were ignored. She just might send 9th

floor packing for good!

Congratulations go out to the boys who held the 1st annual smoke fest. I hear it was a success. Breaking training probably cost you that ball game! Unfortunately most of the back wall on 6th suffered from smoke inhalation; must be that poor ventilation from 3rd. It's OK Anne W, you can take your hand away from your mouth now.

The monsters were out and about on Wednesday. The Nun and Gumby brought home prizes, Claire brought home her lab TA again, and Diane C's whining forced Tina to go home without her...

Happy B-Day! Beep Beep that's all! Goodnight Jerks! Peace.

Friday was our night at the Pub, and everyone seemed right into it. Booze cleaned up on the prizes. Dez came in second as "the cutest thing in longjohns" that the judges had ever seen. Tarja and friend took third place.

S.M. was out to kill, Friday, and she almost made it. Prime rib does that to you. K.G. was doing things that a Don just shouldn't do. Baby Boomer was the "wild man" of the evening, as he tried to dance with every woman there. P.M. tried to intimidate everyone there. B.H. and another nurse looked like they may have been a little ambitious, you aren't nurses yet, much less doctors!! J.R. took home quite a prize, what category was that for?

The pub staff were a little harried, but really—taking our D.J. away?! We suppose that people don't realize that the SSR Rowdies are always up for a party. Next time, they'll know.

As to the other event, the swish party, it was a tremendous success. There were no problems. The stairs were a bit of a challenge to some, but most were okay. C.W. and J.B. were glowing all night long. And no, J.B. didn't sleep at the hospital this year. The costumes were great, Boo, nice hair! And Punch, stop hitting people, when people say "Hit me again, bartender" they want a drink. They do not want to be clubbed. Drinking and baseball just don't mix.

And as for those other unrelated

events, we hear it got a little hot under the covers on Wednesday night, eh D.L.? Watch out for those roommate types, they can be vicious. And also on Wednesday, who's behind the mask, P.B.? Was there a reason to hide? And Tarzan did you finally meet Jane?

Now in the "best birthday present of the week" category we have L.O., a "PB" if there ever was one, who gave G.D. "The Wave" for that new type of hockey that is all the rage in SSR this year.

For the "best drunk of the week award", we have R.M. who serenaded us at B-15 with his awesome harmonica melodies. R.M. would like to extend a special apology to all the Dons for waking them up, Mush and Punch didn't mind, but Kelly was far from impressed. Could she have been busy in that tinfoil palace of hers?

Oh yeah, nice literature from the computer, girls!

Watch out for those intramural hockey games that are starting up. Get out there and support the guys, maybe then they'll even support the girls. J.R. and S.M. have got a strong rivalry going, with each convinced that her team is the best but as is often said in this residence "we'll see."

Until next week when R.M. and S.D. have their acts together, straight ahead.

Y Sam

# Thorneloe Thunder

Yes, hello all you low-flying navigators. It's that time of the week again.

To start thing off, we all know that Sam isn't here again this weekend. His speeding tickets are getting too much for him to handle, which goes to prove you can get anything out of a Cracker Jack box.

Hoss has brought new meaning to "dancing with myself". He enjoyed himself quite well at City Lights last week. Hey Johnny, who's that heart-to-heart bear for? Steve and Derek have a real bad mucus problem.

Question: Why do biegers dance like ducks? Answer: in next

week's Thunder. It doesn't matter what you do to Caroline; she still won't talk. Cheryl is still engaged, Andrew is still waiting for pancakes, Steve is still Steve and Rich is in love. Nora and Joan are biting into all of them, but never swallowing them whole. You guys are such donuts. Speaking of Nora, why don't you talk to Johnny anymore?

Peter M. is trying to imitate Spiderman by walking up the walls. Derek, what was Rich doing when you walked in on him? Wally was wasted last night and was falling all over Casey. There isn't anything like the morning after, right Wally.

To all the cocky frosh this year, "Beware! We'll get you all". Greedy people always get it. Margaret is behaving herself (so far). Rena and Josse are still dreaming (poster party). The second and first floor guys have declared a truce. They're all going to be celibate until Christmas when they can get their jollies. That's all for now.

P.S. Don't squeeze the big ones!!

P.P.S. Johnny's heart is broken again.

P.P.P.S. Who's the green guy with the coal miner's daughter?

The bird

# Huntington Hilites

It never fails, the Rat has struck once again. Last week's council meeting raised a few tempers. Casey, what was it you thought Cheryl was?

Laurentian U travelled to City Lights on Friday night and it was a great party. Congratulations Bert for winning a door prize. Chico was treated to a morning paper after exposing his underwear. Beware I-J room wreckers, your victims are out for revenge. Suzanne try not to trip over your

underwear, its bad for your image.

Why was the entire E-F floor up early one morning last week? Valachi was entertaining a tall mysterious blond this weekend and surprisingly got caught with his pants down. Way to go Roberto! Rob was making little muffins on Echo Beach Saturday night. Did Andy finally get lucky...? Probably not. How come there were so many female visitors on Friday night? Must be that time of the month—Duff was

acting as doormat at the E-F, I-J entrance. I guess an I-J person can't belong in the K-L century club. Scott was making sure Beth would never forget him by leaving a permanent imprint of his face on her fridge. The shooter party in H-12 took many victims on Friday night. Well, I think that's enough to keep you all going until next week. Beware because I'll be at the Hallowe'en party seeking some frightening mismatches.

The Rat





# Health Services

Doesn't it make you feel great when someone comments on the bags under your eyes and the worried look on your face? Meanwhile they look like they walked out of a glamour magazine! You can't help but wonder why they seem to be coping so well and why your head feels like someone put screws to it and it's getting to be a bit too much pressure. Add the symptoms of anorexia, emotional fatigue, panic, and muscular tension and you are a prime example of a student under stress.

Due dates for assignments and midterms are always in the back of your mind. It's very difficult to juggle a full course load, and weekend job and a social life without feeling even a little stress. So how do you cope with stress? RELAX!

You have to make time to relax. Get away from it all by going for a walk, talking with friends or grabbing a couch for twenty

minutes.

Exercise is a good way to release tension and work out frustrations. Consider scheduling in your favourite activity such as swimming, jogging or skiing a couple of times a week. This will provide enjoyment as well as physical fitness.

Combine rest, sleep and exercise with a well-balanced diet to help your body cope with daily stressors. Sometimes there isn't enough time to have a good lunch between classes but try and make it up at supper by following Canada's Food Guide.

If you find you're having difficulty coping with stress please see a doctor. Symptoms that persist may be warning signs to a physical problem. For more information or questions, concerning stress and coping please contact Health Services, G-23 Students' Street, 675-1151 ext.1067.

# CAPE announcement

by Paddy Blenkinsop,  
Student Services

Laurentian's Campus Alcohol Policies and Education (CAPE) Committee has passed a motion in favour of maintaining the legal drinking age at 19. It also approved the circulation of a draft document on alcohol policies at the University.

The motion on the drinking age was approved during the meeting of the CAPE Committee on October 29. It was moved by Ben Farella (SGA) and seconded by Lianne Valiquette (AEF).

The meeting was attended by eighteen people, including representatives of three student associations and almost of all of the residence councils.

Another item on the agenda was a report by Mr Norm Raiche, Chief of Security, on alcohol-related incidents this year, incidents which underlined the need

for greater alcohol awareness on campus. Sandy Freytag and Janet Proksa (Nursing) reported on the booths which have been set up at the Great Hall, Science Cafeteria and Library Tower in the last few weeks. Interest has been so great that they are extending their programme to high schools and the general community.

A policy document, *Policies Governing the Use of Alcohol at Laurentian*, will be circulated to groups across campus, including student associations and councils. The purpose is to establish a set of broadly acceptable policies rather than ad hoc decisions, and also to provide greater protection to the University in the face of the increasing frequency of liability suits. Written responses to the draft policy should be submitted by Friday November 21st, to the Student Services Offices at G-7 Students' Street.

## Hallowe'en

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luck, health and death.

In Scotland, young people assembled for games to determine which of them would marry that year and in what order. Young women went through smoke and water rituals, which were supposed to reveal the face of their future husbands.

Another game still played by children today although for different reasons, consisted of putting apples and a sixpence into a tub full of water and the one who succeeded in extracting either of these items with his mouth was destined to have a lucky year. This game had a spiritual significance since apples the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden were originally of sacred and symbolic importance.

With time, these rituals lost their intensity and their seriousness and during the 19th century the Irish belief that the little people or fairies played pranks on Halloween night led young people to carry out practical jokes such as throwing

down outhouses, removing tombstones and the classic one of ringing the principal's doorbell and running away. In fact that is probably the time period when costume wearing began, practical jokers disguised themselves to remain unknown, for fear of retribution.

Trick or treating started as a game. Children went from door to door and threatened to play a trick on people who refused to give them a treat. In hospitable or absent house holders were also punished by practical jokers.

Nowadays though, trick or treating has lost its meaning. The treat is generally forth coming and the trick rarely played. Children go around in plastic costumes bought for five dollars at K Mart. Candy is X-rayed for any hidden poisonous substances and the streets are empty of children by 9 pm.

So when the old folks say, "Halloween just ain't what it used to be", they're right.

# LOST DURANGOS

by Lorie Cunningham

Those of you who stayed home Tuesday night missed the opportunity of hearing a Canadian band which is quickly rising to stardom. The Lost Durangos were in town for a one-night engagement on their cross-Canada tour.

This Vancouver based band consists of Greg Potter (guitar/background vocals), Paul de Bourcier (drums) and Kelly Brock (lead singer). Greg Potter, 24, is the driving force behind the band and writes their material. When asked to describe their particular brand of music, Potter answered: "It's basically rock 'n roll with a definite country influence. [While] growing up I was heavily into the Stones and the Byrds, and they played a big part in developing our sound."

The Lost Durangos have been together since the beginning of 1985 and have undergone serious changes since their formation. When guitarist Buck Cherry left the group, lead singer Kelly Brock answered an ad in the *Georgia Strait*. She was chosen out of 40 other competitors to head the band, and only two and a half weeks later found herself in a recording studio, re-doing the vocals to Lost Durangos' first album, *Evil Town* (Armadillo Records), dubbing over the tracks of the previous lead singer.

*Evil Town* is an original mixture and has been described as "cow punk", "western blues" and "jangly rock". The lyrics definitely exhibit country roots as can be seen from the title track which starts off "Oh Lord such an evil town, when you try to get up and they kick you back down...Oh

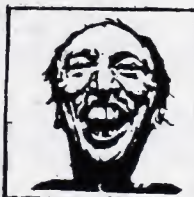


Lord, such an evil town, keep your back to the wall, keep your nose to the ground." Although the album is anything but rough and the band does exhibit a unique style, it is only the beginning of their development. Says Potter, "We'd like to redo some of the songs because we feel our style has matured since then."

The band did not have such auspicious plans at their outset. "At first, we didn't take ourselves seriously—until other people

started to take us seriously," says Potter.

Russ Tolman, guitarist for the California based band True West, did take them seriously and produced *Evil Town*, which got a very favourable reception in Vancouver. In fact, the band has plans for a second album with a major record company in Toronto as well as a video. Obviously, they're on their way up with opportunity definitely knocking on their door.



# Dear Pierre

Dear Pierre,

My boyfriend has informed me that while I'm a "great gal," I have very little sex appeal. I'm feeling pretty down about it, any words to cheer me up

signed Confused

Dear Homely,

Don't worry, compare yourself to Joan Rivers, she has so little sex appeal that her gynecologist calls her "sir." Her husband once said that he and Joan used to have a fantastic love life until she started waking up! Why it's been reported that when she and her husband make love the vultures circle the bed, so cheer up.

Dear Pierre,

I live in single students with 5 other guys. I feel really out of place because my roommates sleep with anything that moves, while I don't. What should I do,

move to UC, or what?

signed Single in SSR

Dear Single Student,

I understand how you must feel, why most guys at Single Students' would never put such limitations on their love lives.

Why do you think that they don't allow pets in SSR, anyway?

Dear Pierre,

While getting ready for a date last week, I dressed in a hurry, ran out of my room, down 3 flights of stairs, dashed through Students' Street, and out to the transit stop to meet my date. On my way I noticed I was getting a lot of looks from both guys and girls. It wasn't until I reached the bus stop that I noticed that I had tucked the back of my dress inside my Pantyhose! Needless to say I haven't had a date since.

signed Forgetful

Dear Forgetful,

"Out of 100,000 sperm, I can't believe you were the quickest."

Dear Pierre,

As a math and sociology student, I recently discovered that one in every four people will achieve a height of over six feet. Does this mean that I have a 25% chance of giving birth to a child who will grow up to be a large drunken fool, who will crush King Cans, and who will sleep in hallways?

signed Short and Pregnant.

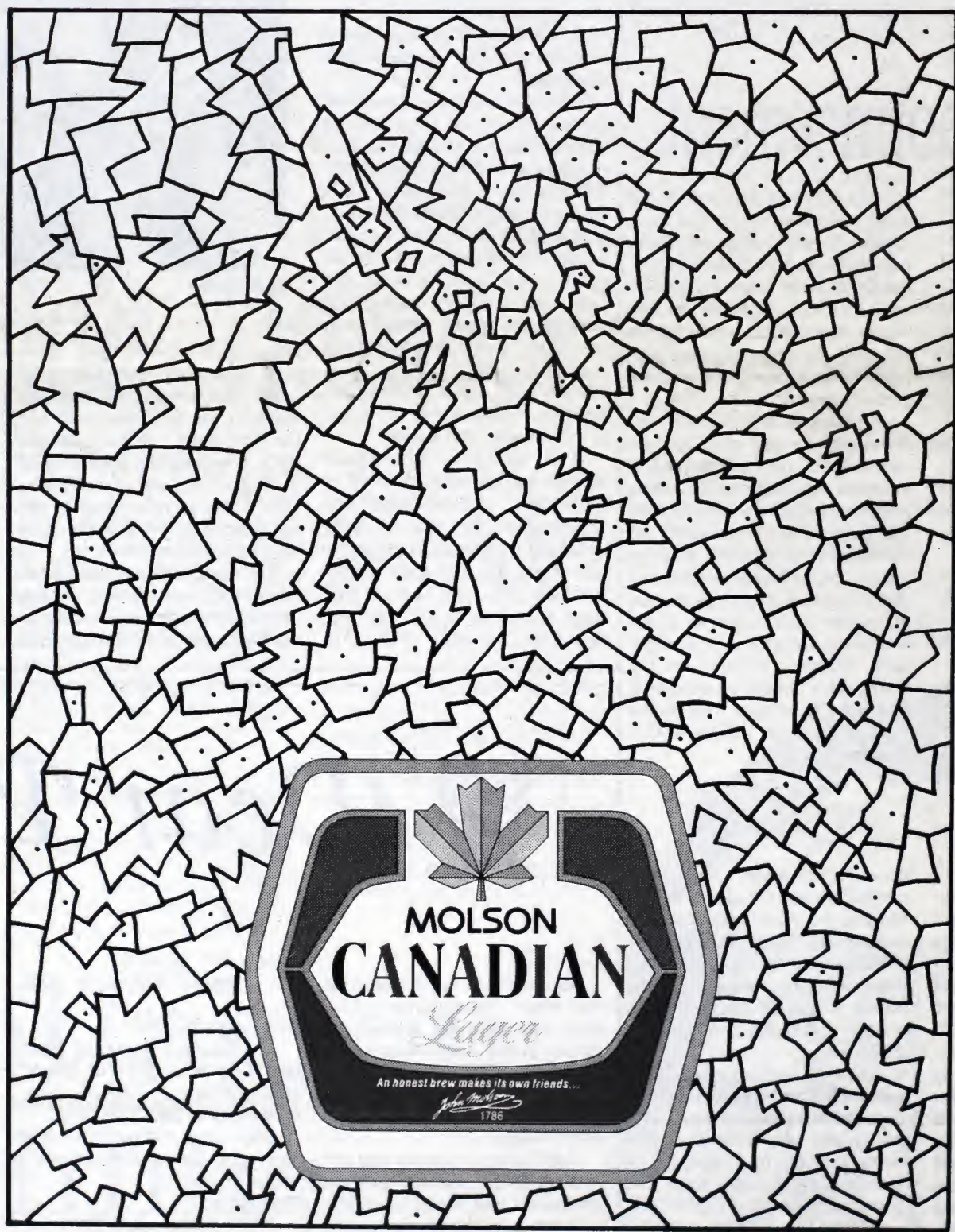
Dear Short,

Yes, these statistics appear to be true. However, there is one more statistic that you should be aware of; giving birth is hereditary, if your parents didn't have children, neither will you.



# THE **TEST** THAT'LL STOP YOU **COLD**

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To solve this puzzle, simply blacken all the shapes that contain a dot with a pen or pencil.